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SUBJECT: VANCE TRIP AND ISRAELI WEST BANK SETTLEMENT:

KUWAITI PRESS REACTION

1. THE PALESTINIAN-INFLUENCED KUWAITI PRESS HAS HAD THE FOLLOWING TO SAY RECENTLY ABOUT THE SUBJECTS INDICATED:

A. VANCE TRIP. AL WATAN EDITORIAL OF JULY 31 AGREES WITH EARLIER NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL TO THE EFFECT THAT SEC. VANCE WILL GO TO ARAB COUNTRIES BEFORE GOING TO ISRAEL IN ORDER TO SEEK ARAB AGREEMENT TO BEGIN'S PROPOSALS (RATHER THAN OBTAINING ISRAELI ACCOMMODATION TO ARAB DEMANDS) SO THAT ANY BLAME FOR FAILURE WILL FALL ON THE ARABS. AL WATAN OF JULY 30 ALLEGES THAT VANCE, LIKE BEGIN, HAS FAILED TO LIST THE PALESTINIAN HOMELAND ISSUE SEPARATE FROM OTHER ELEMENTS OF MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT BUT PUTS IT IN THE SAME "INVOICE" WHICH HE WILL CARRY ON HIS MIDDLE EAST TOUR. AL RAI AL AM OF JULY 30 URGES ALL ARAB STATES TO UNIFY "BEFORE VANCE ARRIVES" SO THAT HE WILL BE "DEALING WITH A UNIFIED FRONT."

B. ISRAELI WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS. AL WATAN OF UNCLASSIFIED

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JULY 31 CARRIES A CARTOON SUGGESTING THAT THE USG ADMONITION TO ISRAEL OVER THE SETTLEMENTS IS NOTHING MORE THAN PROPAGANDA FOR ARAB EARS. AL WABAS OF JULY 30 CRITICIZES THE USG FOR NOT HAVING CONDEMNED ISRAELI SETTLEMENT POLICY EVEN MORE STRONGLY AND FOR IMPLYING THAT THE WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS ARE "NOT INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLES" TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE. THIS

EDITORIAL DESCRIBED SUCH SETTLEMENTS (AND THOSE IN GOLAN) AS "VOID," "ILLEGAL," AND SUBJECT TO CONFISCATION AS "COMPENSATION" TO EGYPT, SYRIA OR PALESTINIANS DEPENDING UPON THE LOCATION OF THE SETTLEMENTS. AL RAI AL AM OF JULY 30 SCOFFED AT THE BROUHAHA CAUSED BY THE SETTLEMENT ISSUE, CALLING IT TRIVIA IN RELATION TO THE LARGER QUESTIONS FACING THE MIDDLE EAST.  
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